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SUBJ: LAW OF THE SEA: SAUDI PARTICIPATION

1. SAUDI MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LEGAL ADVISOR AND CHIEF SAUDI LOS EXPERT MOHAMMED OMAR MADANI INFORMED US MARCH 9 THAT THE SAG WOULD NOT BE SENDING A DELEGATION TO THE EVENSEN MEETING IN GENEVA. HE SAID THAT HE REGRETED THIS ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF OUR INTEREST IN SAUDI PARTICIPATION BUT THAT HIS INVOLVEMENT IN A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL LEGAL MATTERS PREVENTED HIS ATTENDANCE. SINCE HE IS THE ONLY FOREIGN MINISTRY EXPERT IN LOS MATTERS AND SINCE SAUDI LOS DELEGATIONS ARE HEADED BY A FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE, IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO SEND NO ONE.

2. MADANI SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO GET SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER HIS TEACHING DUTIES IN THE LATE SPRING AND THEREFORE WOULD BE HEADING THE SAUDI LOS DELEGATION IN NEW YORK. HE WOULD BE IN NEW YORK BY MAY 8 TO ATTEND THE TWO-WEEK

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GROUP OF 77 MEETING SCHEDULED FOR PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE LOS CONFERENCE. IN THIS CONNECTION HE SAID HE HOPED THE US WOULD ATTEMPT TO GET OBSERVER STATUS TO THE GROUP OF 77 MEETING. WITHOUT THE US THERE TO INJECT REALISM INTO THE PROCEEDINGS HE IS AFRAID THAT THE GROUP OF 77 MIGHT OTHERWISE--AS IT HAS DONE IN THE PAST--ADOPT A SERIES OF EXTREME AND UNHELPFUL DECISIONS WHICH WOULD BIND THE

PARTICIPANTS.

3. ON THE SUBJECT OF THE CAIRO MEETING OF ARAB LOS EXPERTS
HELD EARLIER IN THE YEAR, MADANI SAID THAT TRUE TO FORM FOR
SUCH MEETINGS THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE REAL PROGRESS WITH ALL
OF THE PARTICIPANTS GENERALLY STICKING TO THEIR PRIOR POSI-
TIONS OF SELF INTEREST. ONE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT WAS THE LIBYAN
DECISION TO SUPPORT FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION IN STRAITS, A
CHANGE WHICH HE CREDITED TO SAUDI PERSUASION.
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